

REMARKS

Claims 2-11 and 13-18 are all the claims pending in the application, claims 1 and 12 having been canceled as indicated herein. Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that claims 2, 3, 5-9, and 13-17 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicant amends claims 2, 3, 5, 8, 13, 14, and 16 to place them in independent form, as indicated herein, and Applicant submits that claims 2, 3, 5-9, and 13-17 are in condition for allowance. Claims 4, 10, 11, and 18 are also in condition for allowance at least by virtue of their respective dependencies from independent claims 2 and 13.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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